

Fiscal Year(s)
2023Bill Number(s)
HB 687*Eligible for Director Approval*Request Type: **Capital*****Agency Managed Project***Authorization Type
Release of Capital FundsStatus
OBM ReviewMeeting Date
9/19/2022

Request Summary

The Broadcast Educational Media Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$300,000.00 from fund 7034, ALI C37425 (New WYSO Headquarters) in FY 2023 for a new WYSO headquarters building in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Funding

Fiscal Year	Fund	ALI	Amount
2023	7034 - Higher Education Improvement	C37425 - WYSO's New Headquarters Construction	\$300,000.00

Explanation

New headquarters in the historic Union Schoolhouse in Yellow Springs will allow WYSO to better serve their local community. The station has outgrown their current home, a leaky building that belongs to Antioch College that is tucked away out of sight on the college campus. Their new headquarters will include a complete renovation of the schoolhouse, constructed in 1872, as well as the construction of a new 10,000-square-foot addition.

WYSO's new home will include amenities their current home does not:

--state-of-the-art classroom space for audio production training for students and other community members

--a performance space for an audience of 100 where local musicians will perform, and local authors will read their works

--enough offices to accommodate WYSO's growing professional staff

For many years, WYSO belonged to Antioch College. The station became independent in 2019 and needs to move to a new space off campus. Their current space is literally falling down around them. A new building presents increased programming and community engagement opportunities. It will allow WYSO to launch a second channel for music, to present live performances and book readings for an audience of 100, and to teach in a state-of-the-art new classroom.

The historic Union Schoolhouse belongs to Iron Table Holdings, the real estate company that belongs to local resident Dave Chappelle. Chappelle offered to renovate the building to become the station's permanent home, and then lease it to the station at a below market rate. This gives WYSO the opportunity to stay in the Yellow Springs community without the costs affiliated with building a completely new facility. Renovations are underway. Iron Table Holdings is investing over \$8M in the renovation.

WYSO must raise \$2.1M of their own money to pay for new broadcast equipment and its installation, sound-proofing and acoustical treatment of the studio spaces, and furniture. They are close to hitting the goal: they have raised nearly \$2M, which includes the \$300,000 in community funds WYSO received in the last capital bill. This community funds allocation is a very significant piece of their confirmed revenues.

Reference Information:

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Supplier / Release & Permit

Supplier: 0000264466 - Miami Valley Public Media, Inc., Yellow Springs, OH Greene



Agency	Fiscal Year	Request Amount	Contract Start	Contract End	Account	Release & Permit Number
ETC	2023	\$300,000.00	7/1/2022	6/30/2023	578050 - Capital Grants	

Project Budget

Project: New WYSO Headquarters ()

Category	Supplier	\$ Previous Request	\$ Current Request	% Change	Project Total	Explanation
Equipment/Furnishings	0000264466 - Miami Valley Public Media, Inc.	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	N/A	\$300,000.00	Funds will be used to install radio equipment and building furnishings.
Totals		0.00	\$300,000.00		\$300,000.00	

Attachments

Type	File Name (<i>link</i>)
Bid tabulations/price quotations	Diversified WYSO Budget Ver1.0
Bid tabulations/price quotations	RadioDNA WYSO Integratrion Facility Proposal
Bid tabulations/price quotations	Second Opinion WYSO Project Estimate v1.0
Legislation Reference	HB 687 - WYSO
General/Specific List	HB687GSList - WYSO HQ

Supplier Questionnaire

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